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In re Application of: Joachim Hagmeier et al

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Processing Customer Loyalty Data

Serial Number: 10/068,369

Art Unit: 3622

Examiner: Duran, Arthur D.

Amendment

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This paper is a response to an Office action mailed May 31, 2005. A request for a necessary two month extension of time in which to respond is hereby made. The fee for this request may be charged against assignee's Deposit Account 09-461.

No changes have been made in the specification.

A prior Office action (mailed January 4, 2005) identified the submitted drawings as being informal. Applicant responded to that Office action by stating that the drawings were believed to satisfy the Office requirements for formal drawings. As the objection to the drawings is not repeated in the current Office action, it is assumed the objection has been withdrawn.

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Changes have been made in the claims to more clearly distinguish over the art of record, including the newly cited US Patent 889,189 - Kawan patent. A complete copy of the claims, as amended, follows.

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